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#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.

**AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, lines 8-17, with the following rewritten paragraph:*

2. Testing of elastase inhibitor

200  $\mu$ M elastase inhibitor III (MeOSuc-Ala-Ala-Pro-Val-CMK SEQ ID NO: 1 from Calbiochem) when added was administered 30 min before addition of the inducers. The inhibitor was dissolved in DMSO to a concentration of 100 mM. The final concentration of DMSO in the system was 0.2%, and was added to all treatments. In separate experiments, 200  $\mu$ M of an elastase inhibitor (CE1037, manufactured by Cortech Inc.) was administered 30 min before addition of the inducers. The inhibitor was dissolved in PBS.

*Please insert the sequence listing (preceding the claims) attached hereto as page 18A to the specification.*